

Ariel Chien

Sixteen-year-old Ariel Chien began piano studies at age of 8 with Megan Chen and continued with Daniel Cheng. She currently studies with Sandra Wright Shen at San Francisco Conservatory Music Pre-College. Ariel lives in Menlo Park, California and is a junior at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Ariel is a Third-Year Scholarship Recipient of the Chopin Foundation of United States. She is the prize winner of numerous piano competitions, including third prize of 2023 Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition SEPF, second prize of 2023 USIMC Young Artist Award, honorable mention of 2023 MTAC Concerto Competition, second prize of 2022 Marilyn Mindell Piano Concerto Competition, first prize of 2022 piano showcase of United States Open Music Competition, honorable mention and best Bay Area contestant of 2021 San Jose International Piano Competition, first and second prize winners of 2018, 2019 and 2020 United States International Music Competition (Young Artist Award Piano Group B, C and D), second alternate of 2020 MTAC Solo Competition (Division 2, Northern Region), second prize winner of 2019 Los Angeles Young Musician International Competition, first prize winner of 2019 US New Star Etude Competition and "Best Performer" of all age groups, first prize winner of 2019 Rising Talents of Asia & Oceania (Age Group III), third prize winner of ENKOR International Music Competition, first prize of 2017 US New Star Piano Competition by composer (Haydn Group II), V prize of 2021 Chopin International Piano Competition in Hartford.

Ariel is the winner of GSYO Piano Concerto Competition and performed with Camilla Kolchinsky Orchestra in the 2022-23 season. She was invited and performed at an opening concert by San Francisco Symphony Silicon Valley League in 2022 summer. As the winner of USIMC, Ariel was invited to perform in the 2018 and 2019 USIMC winner concerts and 2019 USIMC fundraising concert.

Ariel participated in several piano and chamber music summer festivals and programs, including the 5th Frost Chopin Festival in Miami, 2023 Southeastern Piano Festival, 2022 and 2023 Young Performers Program at Music@Menlo, and 2022 Piano Texas International Festival and Academy. Ariel was selected and performed in the masterclass with John Perry in 2021 John Perry Academy of Music. She was admitted into the 2019 Piano Summer Sonata Program of Cleveland Institute of

Music, the 2018 San Jose Piano Competition Workshop, and the 2018 John Perry Summer Festival. Ariel has performed in masterclasses with great pianists including Yuja Wang, Jon Nakamatsu, Tamas Ungar, John Perry, Ann Schein, Ning An, Dmitry Rachmanov, Sasha Starceвич, Spencer Myer, Ory Shihor, Ching-Yun Hu, Hsiang John Tu, Christopher O'Riley, Inna Faliks, and Mack McCray. Ariel also received instructions from Dang Thai Son, Katarzyna Popawa-Zydrón, Ruth Slenczynska, Olga Radosavljevich, Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Wu Han and Steven Spooner.

Ariel frequently performs at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park. She also volunteers as a piano instructor providing high-quality free piano and music theory lessons for underprivileged young students through the non-profit organization Notelove. She is the member of the leadership team of Soundpost Youth Foundation and participated in the benefit concert to support Ukrainian music students in 2023 spring. Ariel is an active chamber musician at SFCM. In addition to her music studies, Ariel enjoys playing badminton and table tennis and hanging out with her friends.

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Prelude No. 22-24

Etude Op. 10 No. 1

Etude Op. 10 No. 10

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Sonata No 2 in B Flat Minor, Op. 35

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